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SUBJECT: RED CROSS (ICRC) APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTION OF TENTS
FOR BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA

REF: (A) GENEVA 02293; (B) LUSAKA 0493

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE INADEQUATE-
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LY COORDINATED APPEAL BY ICRC FOR CONTRIBUTION OF TENTS FOR
REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA. US MISSION SHOULD CONVEY
THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO ICRC AND UNHCR:

(A) AN APPEAL FOR TENTS IS ESSENTIALLY AN APPEAL
FOR A CASH CONTRIBUTION. IN ORDER TO SUPPLY
TENTS, AID/OFDA STOCK MUST BE DRAWN DOWN AND,

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WHEN USED FOR REFUGEES, OFDA MUST BE REIMBURSED BY HA OUT OF AVAILABLE REFUGEE FUNDS. IT SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE MADE CLEAR IN ANY SUCH AN APPEAL THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE AGENCY REQUESTING TENTS TO REIMBURSE OFDA FOR THESE TENTS, OR TO SEEK HA FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

(B) POST REPORTING INDICATES SUBSTANTIAL UNHCR PROGRAMS IN BOTH BOTSWANA AND ZAMBIA. WE ARE AWARE FOR INSTANCE OF SUBSTANTIAL UNHCR EXPENDITURES FOR REFUGEES HOUSED IN FRANCISTOWN AND

SELEBI PIKWE. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED REPORTING FROM UNHCR THAT WOULD SUPPORT A FURTHER EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT IN THIS AREA.

(C) THE FUNCTION OF CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA AND THEIR RELOCATION TO ZAMBIA SEEMS CLEARLY AN UNHCR FUNCTION. WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND ROLE WHICH ICRC EXPECTS TO PLAY IN DEALING WITH THESE REFUGEES.

2. AS INDICATED SEPTEL ON TENTS IN DJIBOUTI, DEPARTMENT HOPE IS THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AGENCIES IN GENEVA ON A COORDINATED BASIS RATHER THAN RESPONDING TO AD HOC APPEALS FROM VARIOUS
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ELEMENTS OF SUCH AGENCIES ON INDIVIDUAL REFUGEE SITUATIONS.

3. US MISSION SHOULD COORDINATE WITH UNHCR AND ICRC TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THIS REQUIREMENT IS CURRENTLY BEING MET BY UNHCR IN ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA AND WHETHER OR NOT ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT CAN BE MET WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF UNHCR RESOURCES, CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED. WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INCREASING REQUIREMENTS GENERATED BY A NUMBER OF REFUGEE SITUATIONS IN AFRICA, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO ENCOURAGE THE UNHCR TO REVIEW THEIR PROJECTIONS FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS AREA IN 1978 AS WELL AS THE EXPECTED AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME THE RESULTS OF SUCH A REVIEW WHEN COMPLETED. VANCE

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